

Mount Rainier National Park

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Indian Henry's Hunting Ground

Most people travel to Indian Henry's Hunting Ground via the Wonderland Trail from Longmire. Others choose to hike to Indian Henry's via Kautz Creek Trail. Either way, this colorful subalpine meadow is well worth the trip.

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Stay on trails. Do not pick flowers.
Carry the "10 Essentials" and
Leave No Trace of your visit.
Pets and bicycles are not allowed
on park trails.
Do not feed or approach wildlife.
Use a topographical map.
Permit required for wilderness camping.



Trail Description



Round-trip Distance:

From Longmire: 13.6 miles (22 km)
Via Kautz Creek Trail: 11.4 miles (18.3 km)

Elevation Gain:

From Longmire: 2700 feet (823 m)
Via Kautz Creek: 3000 feet (914 m)

Hiking Time Round-trip: 8-9 hours

Difficulty Level: Strenuous

Wilderness Camp: Devil's Dream

If you're hiking to Indian Henry's via Longmire, the Wonderland trailhead is located across from the Museum at Longmire, next to the Wilderness Information Center.

If you're hiking to Indian Henry's via Kautz Creek Trail, the trailhead is along the road to Paradise, 3 miles (4.8 km) east of the Nisqually Entrance.

Along the Trail

From Longmire:

Although the dense forest predominates along this trail, variety is added with the crossing of Kautz Creek, a hike along the edge of Devil's Canyon, and passing swampy Squaw Lake.

Devil's Dream Camp is 5.5 miles (8.9 km) from Longmire. If you're looking for a water source near the camp, note that the first pond closest to the camp can disappear completely in the dry season. About .25 mile (.4 km) further down the trail is another water source.

From Kautz Creek Trail:

In October of 1947, a major glacial outburst flood occurred on the Kautz Glacier and sent water, mud, trees, and large boulders raging downvalley. It is atop this mudflow that the trail begins.

Further along, there is ample opportunity to see virgin forest, views to the south and west, and in summer, wildflowers. The mountain view near the end of the trail is unique. From your viewpoint, Point Success (14,150 feet/4,313 m) falsely appears to be the summit of Mount Rainier.

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